

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

Virginia Green Restaurant Profile:



Croc's 19th Street Bistro

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Croc's 19th Street Bistro in Virginia Beach offers coastal cuisine along with Caribbean, Middle Eastern and American fare. Dishes include seafood, certified Angus beef, and vegetarian with an award-winning wine list. Live music is offered on Thursday evenings and a DJ on weekend evenings.

Croc's 19th Street Bistro is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

Virginia Green Activities: When visiting Croc's 19th Street Bistro, you can expect the following practices:

CORE ACTIVITIES for Restaurants:



- 🌍 **Recycling of glass and other items**
- 🌍 **Styrofoam elimination and disposables reduction**
- 🌍 **Grease recycling**
- 🌍 **Water efficiency**
- 🌍 **Energy conservation**

DETAILS:

- Recycle glass, steel cans, aluminum cans, grease, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, and electronic equipment.
- Track overall waste bills
- Donate excess food from events
- Effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Locally grown, organic and sustainably-grown produce and other foods
- Disposable containers made from bio-based materials, recycled content, or compostable
- Non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Recycled content paper towels and toilet paper
- Print menus and wine list on recycled content paper and use soy-based inks

- Screen-based ordering systems
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Extensive use of electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase of durable equipment and furniture
- Use of reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use of latex paint
- Preventative maintenance on all vehicles and equipment
- Last-in/first-out inventory
- Use least toxic materials
- Sustainable menu items including Seafood Watch Program, organic wines and vodka
- InterfaceFlor modular carpet of about 45% recycled content
- Engineered hardwood flooring incorporating farm-raised lumber veneers, man-made substrates
- Caesar stone man-made solid surface countertops
- Color corrected fluorescent lighting
- Low VOC paint products
- New bar service coolers that are Freon-free
- New aluminum bar chairs have replaced wood and plastic chairs
- Foam soap dispensers
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Water-flow metering to detect leaks and areas of high use
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Water efficient toilets and urinals
- Low flow restrictors on faucets
- Effective landscape management plan
- Effective storm water management plan
- Minimization of impervious areas
- Track overall energy bills
- Purchase EnergyStar computers, appliances, etc.
- Use ceiling fans
- Scheduled preventative maintenance on HVAC
- Use of natural lighting
- High efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in all recessed down lights
- High efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5's and T-8's)
- Use of directional lighting in parking and other outdoor areas
- Glassware for bar and dining room service, linens for tables and napkins
- Inclusion of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages



For more information on **Croc's 19th Street Bistro**, see
www.CROCS19thStreetBistro.com.

For more information on the **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen.



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